

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: 4 – 11 AUGUST

Today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for your priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in your community. This Thursday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, our first Australian saint. Pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that these saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from your community. For more information about Vocations in the Diocese of Parramatta, please visit www.parracatholic.org/vocations/

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS FR RAY SANCHEZ CP: 10 – 11 AUGUST

The Diocese of Parramatta presents Fr Ray Sanchez CP as he explores the relevance of Passionist Family Groups in the changing era of our Church today. Fr Ray will speak at the 6pm Mass at Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens on 10 August, and at the 8am and 10am Mass at St Michael's and St Patrick's Church, Blacktown on 11 August. For more information, please contact Elizabeth and Dennis Farrar on 0425 209 840.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. The course will be at the Institute for Mission (Downstairs Hall). NOTE: Introduction Session on 12 August is compulsory. Enrolments close on 5 August 2019. Please see your Parish Office for a form or for more information, contact 8838 3456 or ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

CATHOLICARE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM: 8 AUGUST – 19 SEPTEMBER

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is starting a bereavement support program for those whose spouse has died. The programme will be held weekly on Thursdays from 10am to 12midday from 8 August to 19 September at Mackillop Hall, Granville. An Information session will be held on Thursday 1 August at 10am. For more information, call Rita at Solo Parent Services on 8843 2575.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION PILGRIM WALK: 15 AUGUST

The Annual Pilgrim Walk from the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be held on the Feast of the Assumption Thursday 15 August. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate Mass at 12Noon before the pilgrimage begins. Anyone is welcome to begin walking from any point of the 14km walk. For more information, contact the parish office on 9629 2595.

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY OPEN DAY: 18 AUGUST

"Come and See Day" at Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 18 August is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invitation to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and see", found in the Gospel of John. Open Day provides single men open to a priestly vocation with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10am, followed by talks, a tour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent. RSVP essential. Please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan via johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org or 0420 310 771

2019 FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR: 30 AUGUST

American Catholic Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is the guest speaker at The Life, Family and Marriage Office's 2019 Faith in Marriage Seminar on Friday 30 August at St Paul's Catholic College Hall, Greystanes from 7.30pm. Free entry and a light supper will be served afterwards. Donations are welcome. Please register your attendance to 8838 3460 or lmf@parracatholic.org

CREDIT CARD AND DIRECT DEBIT CHANGES

Please inform the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or send an email to northrocks@parracatholic.org of any changes to your credit card number/expiry date or direct debit account. - **Thank you for your ongoing support.**

EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have changed your email address or now have an email address, could you please notify the Parish Office northrocks@parracatholic.org as soon as possible. **Thank you**

ONLINE GIVING Donations may also be made online via credit card: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/ChristTheKingParishNorthRocks>

If you wish to contribute via Direct Debit, please contact the Parish Office on 9871 8710 for the BSB and Account number for the Parish or Parramatta Catholic Foundation Account.

BEQUESTS (Please contact the Parish Office for further information)

Many of us have a special connection to our parish, nurtured by years of faith-sharing, schooling, friendships and support. A bequest to your parish, no matter how small, will help the faith community which has meant so much to you to continue its good works and its loving outreach. It is also a means by which you can plan a lasting gift for your parish which might not be possible in your lifetime. In receiving a bequest, a parish may be able to use the gift to attend to much needed maintenance and improvements to the church and other parish property. These kinds of gifts help the Parish free up other income to use toward pastoral care programs.

CHRIST THE KING
NORTH ROCKS



Sunday 4th August, 2019
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

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MISSION STATEMENT

Centred on the Gospel of Jesus, Christ the King Church is a warm, welcoming community of faith. We continue to strive to be open and to embrace diversity, as we love and grow in relationship to God and in service to one another.

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
Trainee Deacon: John Collins
Parish Secretary: Claudine Nallétamby
Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm
Youth Coordinator: Adam Chioatto
Mob: 0423 077 677
Email: ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com

School Principal: Tony Hughes

School Phone: 8846 2700

School Web Site:

www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au

Baptisms: Each 2nd & 4th Sundays - 11:15am

Weddings: By Appointment

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9:30am & 4:30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturdays - 9:30am

Rosary: Saturdays - 8:30am

Children's Liturgy: 10am Mass - during School Terms only

Playgroup each Fridays: 10 - 11:30am - during School Terms only - Next meeting this Friday 9th August

Good Neighbour Group: Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am - Next meeting this Thursday 8th August

PARISH SERVICES

Sunday Masses:

6pm Saturday
8am Sunday
10am Sunday

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 7:30pm
Wednesday 9am
Thursday 9am
Friday 9:15am
Saturday 9am

Parish Address:

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151

Phone: 9871 8710

Email: northrocks@parracatholic.org

Parish Website: <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/>

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on next Sat 17 Aug 2019 at 9am Mass.

IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:

THE SICK: Cass Joyce, Ian McMaster, Donald Mackay, Joe Frare, Patricia Blanning, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jon Wise, Dominic Borg, Rosa Michael, Doreen Ulbrick.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Santina Bietola, Judith Lum.

DECEASED:

Sheila Saad, Jim Saad, Anne Joseph, Roy Joseph & All Souls.

This Week's Readings: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11, Lk 12:13-21

Next Week's Readings: Wis 18:6-9, Heb 11:1-2, 8-19, Lk 12:32-48

Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: www.universalis.com

3rd / 4th August - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	George Germanos Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Jason Scanlon Inge Wienker	Volunteer Required Please	Maria Bietola Diane Campbell Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8am	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Dexter Tabeta	Trish Yates	Carmelita Khoo Jim Kinsella Gerianne Sadaya Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley Jamie Hoban Jenny Roddy Natasha Todorov	Volunteer Required Please

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook: Coordinator, Lynette Kaddis: Pre-school, Terri Hirschhorn: Yr 2-3, Paula Mitchell: Yr 4-6

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Carmelita Khoo, Jim Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP 4: Carl Lao, Peter Bellamy, John Hunt

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Carl Coorey, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP 3: Robyn Bacon, Kim Fryer, Frances Gallagher

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4: CTK School Mums Group 4, Julie Bechara

10th / 11th August - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Lance Parker	John Khoudair Gerard Sadaya	Veronica Chacty	Diane Campbell Frank Lah Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown John Murphy	David Collins	Carmelita Khoo Gabby Scanlon	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Ken Coorey Anne-Marie Makin Cecilie McCarron Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10am	Graeme Gardiner Michael Ng	Jamie Hoban	Sam Safy Volunteer Required Please	Volunteer Required Please	Jennifer Alphonse Ilana Blazevic Cate Joseph Jenny Roddy	Dominic Wong

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MINISTRY TO THE SICK: David Collins, Ken Coorey, Jose Jilesh, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP 5: Noel White, Joe Vitetta, John Murphy

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7: Ada Cheung

PIETY GROUP 4: Lena Henson, Dawn Muriti, Helen Templeman, Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5: Mark & Carmela Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

PASTORAL ASSEMBLY AND PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT
PARISH PASTORAL ASSEMBLY LAST WEEKEND

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the success of last Sunday's Parish Pastoral Assembly. Particular thanks to Jason Scanlon, Parish Council Chairman and parish councillors who attended; to Mark Bonney for his presentation of the Parish Financial Report and members of the finance committee for their contribution to this report. Finally, gratitude must be expressed to all the people who contributed so abundantly to catering for the luncheon under the wonderful coordination of Chris Kinsella. It was a veritable feast with an extraordinary amount of people contributing food to share! The generosity of all is greatly appreciated. Any parishioners who were not at the gathering who wish to receive a copy of the financial report can contact the parish office via email: northrocks@parracatholic.org for a copy of the PowerPoint and balance sheet of our last financial year.



BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Peebles family, Darren & Jackie with their daughter Sophia. May Sophia's baptism be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless her and her family in this special step they have taken to proclaim and support their child in the Christian faith.



FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP - THIS THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST

Mass will be held this Thursday at 9am with the CTK Primary students to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

FOODBANK - JRS COMMUNITY



The Foodbank provides food and groceries to many individuals and families every month. This is not the usual food donation service. JRS stocks shelves and fridges and allows the clients to choose their own groceries. The following toiletry items have been identified as in need. If you can contribute and provide some of these items, please place in the basket in the foyer. A member of the Social Justice group will collect them and pass on to JRS on behalf of our parish. These items make such a difference. Please help JRS accompany, serve and advocate refugee families. Thank you.

- * Toothbrushes
- * Toothpaste
- * Deodorant
- * Razors
- * Bar / Gel Soap
- * Shampoo and Conditioner
- * Nappies
- * Pads

CHRIST THE KING YOUTH NEWS

For all youth news and updates on upcoming events, find us on Facebook@CTKLifeTeenYouth
For more information, please contact Adam Chioatto on 0423 077 677 or ctk.nr.y@gmail.com
Our Theme for Term 3 is, "Who do you say that I am?"
Come along to squires to find out more about these topics and what our challenges are.

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC
3	9th Aug	Different - Why Christians are
4	16th Aug	Who am I? (*challenge)
5	23rd Aug	Social, midterm chill
6	30th Aug	The male & female brain



Contact: Adam 0423 077 677
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SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

"Sharing the Journey - towards the end of life"

This Wednesday 7th August 7:30pm - 9pm

Paddington RSL Club (Parking available on-site)

Speakers: Dr Margaret Somerville, Professor of Ethics at Notre Dame University & Nicholas Eddy, Principal Lawyer at Nicholas Eddy. For more info contact: Marea 0414 873 910

